

that the term "room" did not appear in the original issued claims of U.S. patent No. 5,853,308 (hereinafter, "the '308 patent"). Thus, this amendment to Claim 1 merely corrects a typographical error.

As set forth in the attached claims, Claim 7 has been amended to add the word "respective" to line 2 thereof. Applicants submit that this amendment also merely corrects a typographical error.

Finally, Claim 27 has been amended to change the term "output shaft" to the term "crankshaft". Applicants submit that the amendment made to Claim 27 is fully supported by the original specification of the '308 patent. For example, as illustrated in Figure 4 of the '308 patent, crankshafts 54, 56 are journaled within a crankcase of the engine 23 illustrated therein. Applicants therefore submit that no new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of these amendments before examination by the Examiner on the merits begins.

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